



NPAIHB

Member Tribes of  
the Northwest  
Portland Area  
Indian Health  
Board:

Burns Paiute Tribe  
Chehalis Tribe  
Coeur d'Alene Tribe  
Colville Tribe  
Coos, Siuslaw & Lower  
Umpqua Tribe  
Coquille Tribe  
Cow Creek Tribe  
Cowlitz Tribe  
Grand Ronde Tribe  
Hoh Tribe  
Jamestown S'Klallam  
Tribe  
Kalispel Tribe  
Klamath Tribe  
Kootenai Tribe  
Lower Elwha  
Klallam Tribe  
Lummi Tribe  
Makah Tribe  
Muckleshoot Tribe  
Nez Perce Tribe  
Nisqually Tribe  
Nooksack Tribe  
NWX Band of  
Shoshoni Tribe  
Port Gamble S'Klallam  
Tribe  
Puyallup Tribe  
Quileute Tribe  
Quinalt Tribe  
Samish Indian Nation  
Sauk-Suiattle Tribe  
Shoalwater Bay Tribe  
Shoshone-Bannock  
Tribe  
Siletz Tribe  
Skokomish Tribe  
Snoqualmie Tribe  
Spokane Tribe  
Squaxin Island Tribe  
Stillaguamish Tribe  
Suquamish Tribe  
Swinomish Tribe  
Tulalip Tribe  
Umatilla Tribe  
Upper Skagit Tribe  
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Yakama Nation

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## RESOLUTION # 21-03-09

### “Article X (Amendments) of the NPAIHB Constitution and By-Laws---30 Days-Notice”

**WHEREAS**, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (hereinafter “NPAIHB” or the “Board”) was established in 1972 to assist Tribal governments to improve the health status and quality of life of Indian people; and

**WHEREAS**, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board is a “tribal organization” as defined by the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (P.L. 93-638 seq. et al) that represents forty-three federally recognized tribes in the states of Idaho, Oregon, and Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the definitions of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act at 25 USCS § 450b, a tribal organization is recognized as a governing body of any Indian tribe and includes any legally established organization of Indians which is controlled, sanctioned, or chartered by such governing body or which is democratically elected by the adult members of the Indian community to be served by such organization and which includes the maximum participation of Indians in all phases of its activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board is dedicated to assisting and promoting the health needs and concerns of Indian people; and

**WHEREAS**, the primary goal of the NPAIHB is to improve the health and quality of life of its member Tribes; and

**WHEREAS**, the NPAIHB Program Operations Manual Constitution and By-Laws was adopted in July 1996, and revised in October 1999 in order to govern the Board relating to development and implementation of Indian health legislation, regulations, policies, and programs; and

**WHEREAS**, since the last revisions to the Constitution and By-Laws over twenty years ago, the NPAIHB has not only grown its programs and policy advocacy capacity to better support the health care needs of the Northwest Tribes, but has faced an unprecedented public health pandemic requiring the Board to adapt to a more virtual environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution and By-Laws require some necessary revisions to better align with the vision and purpose of the Board and to authorize use of remote meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, Art. X, Sec. 1 requires the Delegates to agree to provide all Board members a copy of proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws at least 30 days prior to any vote on the proposed changes.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board hereby agrees to provide all duly appointed delegates a copy of the proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws at least 30 days prior to the official vote on the proposed changes; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Executive Director shall provide notice consistent with Article X prior to the scheduled Board vote on any changes to the Constitution and By-Laws.

### **CERTIFICATION**


The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Board of Directors at the April Quarterly Board Meeting, held virtually April 20, 2021 – April 22, 2021, with a quorum present.



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Nickolaus D. Lewis  
Chair, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board  
Councilman, Lummi Indian Business Council

ATTEST:

  
Greg Abrahamson, NPAIHB Secretary